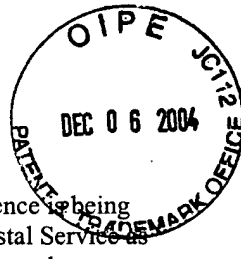


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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED BY
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This Reply is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed in the captioned application on July 3, 2002. That Office Action provided a shortened statutory period of three months. This Reply is provided with a Petition to Revive the application. In accordance with MPEP 711.03(c)II.A., a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 and a fee for such an

extension of time are not required to be included with this Reply when submitted with a Petition to Revive, so no such fee is provided herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3.

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